

SENATE BILL 1688

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,  
Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to honorably  
discharged veterans of the United States armed  
forces running for political office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-104, is amended by deleting the last sentence of the section and substituting instead the following:

Except as provided in § 2-13-1\_\_\_, a party may require by rule that candidates for its nominations be bona fide members of the party.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 13, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

A statewide political party or recognized minor party shall not adopt a party rule that would preclude an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces from qualifying as a candidate for any office based on the number of times the veteran voted during the three (3) general elections immediately preceding the election for which the veteran seeks qualification.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.